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SUBJECT: CASP COUNTRY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE

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1. WE ARE PLEASED TO NOTE THAT THE DEPARTMENT AGREES TO PROVIDE COUNTRY SPECIFIC GUIDANCE IN CONNECTION WITH PREPARATION OF THE FY 1977-78 CASP. IN PREPARING THIS GUIDANCE WE HOPE THE DEPARTMENT WILL BEAR IN MIND THE TWO MAJOR ISSUES THAT REMAIN CRUCIAL IN OUR RELATIONS WITH ECUADOR AND WHICH, IF NOT RESOLVED, WILL BE DAMAGING TO OUR INTERESTS IN ECUADOR DURING THE TIME FRAME OF THIS CASP. THESE ISSUES ARE ECUADOR'S ACCESS TO GSP IN THE TRADE REFORM ACT AND ACCESS TO SOFT LOANS IN THE IDB. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THESE ISSUES ARE DIFFICULT ONES FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO FACE AND THAT THE DEPARTMENT REMOVED THE IDB ISSUE FROM OUR CASP SUBMISSION A YEAR AGO AND SUBSTITUTED A SINGLE ISSUE HAVING TO DO WITH THE FISHERIES DISPUTE. THE LATTER CAN NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED THE PRIMAY "ISSUE" BECAUSE OF THE PROGRESS ALREADY MADE AND THE LACK OF NECESSITY FOR WASHINGTON RESOLUTION.

2. WE AWAIT YOUR GUIDANCE WITH INTEREST.
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